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SUBJ: BAUXITE PRODUCERS MEETING

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1. IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS RECENT HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN USG AND GOA REPRESENTATIVES, IN WHICH U.S. CONCERN RESPECTING POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF BAUXITE PRODUCERS ORGANIZATION HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZED, EMBASSY BELIEVES ADDITIONAL HIGH-LEVEL APPROACH AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL (A) WOULD BE SUPERFLUOUS AND POSSIBLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

2. AS REFTEL (B) INDICATES, THIS MATTER DISCUSSED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LAST WEEK. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED OUR CONCERN WITH BORDER, DEPUTY SECRETARY, AND HILL, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DFA, AS WELL AS SENIOR MEMBERS OF PRIME MINISTER'S STAFF AND TREASURY. IT HAS ALSO BEEN RAISED AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN OVERSEAS TRADE AND MINERALS AND ENERGY. BELIEVE WILLESEE'S COMMENTS ON SUBJECT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL, REFTEL (B), REFLECT GOA APPRECIATION OF U.S. CONCERN.

3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE, AND MORE EFFECTIVE, ASSUMING ADDITIONAL APPROACH
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TO GOA STILL DESIRED, FOR THIS APPROACH TO BE MADE TO FOREIGN

MINISTER BY DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH IN WELLINGTON INCIDENT UPCOMING
ANZUS MEETING. WILLESEE WILL REPRESENT AUSTRALIA AT CONAKRY
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